THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI NAMO NARAINMEENA): (a) Government intends to finalize the National Environment Policy (NEP) by the end of the current financial year.

(b) In the draft policy, there is no specific mention of doing away with mandatory Central clearance for industrial investment proposals worth over Rs. 50 crores.

(c) and (d) Yes, Sir.

(e) All the responses and suggestions received on the draft NEP will be taken into consideration before the policy is finalized.

Rehabilitation of displaced families from Kudremukh National Park

926. SHRI JANARDHANA POOJARY: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Karnataka Government have sought Central grant for rehabilitation of the families displaced due to the formation of Kudremukh National Park; and

(b) if so, the details thereof and Government's reaction in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI NAMO NARAIN MEENA): (a) No, Sir. This Ministry has not received any proposal for Central grant for rehabilitation of the families from Kudremukh during the current financial year.

(b) Does not arise.

Setting up of a milk powder plant in Chhattisgarh

†927. SHRI MOTILAL VORA: Will the Minister of FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Central Government have received a proposal from Chhattisgarh Government for setting up a milk powder plant;

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.